Four Communities - One Parish Family

ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am–4:30pm
Mass Times: Sunday 9am, 11am, 5:30pm
Livestream w/ASL 11am
Reconciliation: Tue. 5pm - 6pm & by Appointment
Weekday Mass Schedule: Tue-Fri, 7am

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Worship With Joy, Work For Justice, and Grow In God's Love

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Mass Times: Sunday 9am and 11am

Reconciliation: Tue. 5pm - 6pm at St. Joseph
& by Appointment

September 27, 2026
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Family Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we dwell on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples.

We acknowledge their long history on this land and our place in this history and the hope for a shared future of understanding, respect, and justice.

We especially honor all ancestors during the Season of Creation. We are grateful for the wisdom that teaches us to have "right relationship" to the natural world. Together we hope to heal Mother Earth and leave a rich legacy to the generations of the future.

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Welcome to St. Joseph & St. Therese

We are delighted to welcome you to our church today. Whether it is your first time here or you have been coming for years, WELCOME!

Our communities are known for passionate social outreach, communal worship, lay leadership, faith formation, and commitment to working for justice. Whatever your interest, there is a place for you within our Parish Family.

Reach out and join in!
www.seattlejesuitparishes.org

Readings & Preaching Information

Next Sunday - October 4, 2026
First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

St. Joseph
Presiding: Joe Dickan, SJ
Reflection: Chris Covert-Bowlds

St. Therese
Presiding: Mike Bayard, SJ
Preaching: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

This Sunday - September 27, 2026
First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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Parish Family Social Media - Follow Us!

Follow along with both St. Joseph and St. Therese on Facebook and Instagram!

St. Joseph - St. Joseph Parish, Seattle
St. Therese - St. Therese Parish of Seattle

St. Joseph - @stjosephparishseattle
St. Therese - @st.-therese-parish

The Weekly Word

A COLUMN WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

If you've been following this series on our social media, you may have noticed that some of us introduced as "men in formation" are already priests. I'm one of them—ordained in 2024, a Jesuit for thirteen years, and still, by our reckoning, in formation.

Jesuit formation runs long: ordination usually comes ten to twelve years in, and final vows a good while after that. Formation begins with a two-year novitiate that concludes with professing first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—perpetual vows, made for life. Then philosophy, then a few years of full-time ministry we call regency, then theology, and (for those of us called to priesthood) ordination near the end of it.

But ordination isn't the last step. First vows are my promise to the Society; they aren't yet the Society's definitive promise back to me. That comes at final vows, when a Jesuit is fully incorporated into the order, taking on new responsibility for its life and governance. Most of us also profess a fourth vow that day: obedience to the pope regarding missions—a promise to go anywhere in the world we are sent.

Before that day comes tertianship, which still lies ahead of me: about nine months of returning to the Society's foundational documents and history, doing ministry in a new setting, and once again making the thirty-day Spiritual Exercises. Then final vows—and formation, at long last, is over.

Thank you for your prayers!

~Fr. Joe



Bulletin Submissions - Please send your article or flyer to bulletin@stjosephparish.org ten (10) days before the Sunday you want it to appear (the Friday of the week before). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Caprice at caprices@stjosephparish.org

Parish Family Men's Ministry



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Finding Our Way Home

Join us for the fall Men's Ministry Retreat Oct 16-18

Location:

- **Begins: Friday, October 16th**
  - Arrival – 4:00 pm - Start Time – 7:30 pm Sharp

Ends: Sunday, October 18th ~ 11:00 am

- **Location: YMCA Camp Casey Whidbey Island**
- **All Meals included on Sat & Breakfast on Sun**
- **Cost: $300 - Please reach out for a scholarship if needed**

What does home mean for us, our families, and our parish family? What joys, hopes, and challenges shape the journey?

Information Contact & Registration

- For Information Contact: George Stein
  stein.georgew@gmail.com (206) 501 8095
- Registration Link or QR Code

Click to Register

Weekend Details

- Prayer, reflections, quiet time, and small group conversations
- Free Time on Saturday Afternoon
- Communion Service
- Register to Reserve a Spot – Cost $300
- Animators – George Stein, Frank Heffernan, Don Murphy, Dave Spicer, Joe Bocek, & Tim Malone

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We need **you** to build the future of our family in the coming year!

"Who do we want to be?"

"How do we get there?"

Be a part of parish leadership by serving on a Pastoral Ministry Commission, providing direction for the vision, mission, priorities, initiatives, broad goals, strategic planning, and policies of the parish family. Applications will be accepted through the end of September.

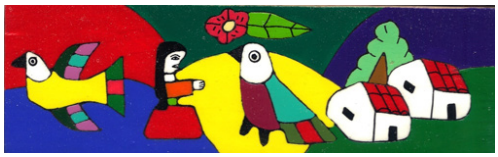


Liturgy Commission

Faith Formation Commission

Justice and Peace Commission

WALK-A-LONG WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN SAN BARTOLOME
JOIN US TO RAISE FUNDS AND TO WALK IN SOLIDARITY!
October 11, 2026 - leaving St. Joe's at 12:30



San Bartolome Parish, our sister parish in El Salvador, is composed of two regions - Arcatao and Nueva Trinidad. For over 30 years St Joe's and St Pat's have accompanied these two communities. We walk to remind ourselves of the walk the people made from refugee camps in Honduras to repopulate and rebuild El Salvador after the civil war in the 1980s.

We hope you will join us this year. We will walk from St. Joe's to Volunteer Park and back. After the walk we will gather at St. Joe's (the Arrupe Room) at around 1:30 for updates, snacks, and time together. If you can't make the walk, please consider joining us at St. Joe's for the after-walk gathering.

Our walk is a fundraiser, providing nutrition support for seniors and internet in the community center in Nueva Trinidad. With drought affecting the farmers, as well as the increasing cost of food and seed for planting, the need of the community is great. Our fundraising goal is $2,500. Donations via cash, checks [made out to Keystone UCC (5019 Keystone Place Seattle 98103] or on-line [keystoneseattle.org (choose Nueva Trinidad)] are welcomed. Questions: Betty Lucas at betty.lucas@gmail.com or Kate Speltz at katespeltz@yahoo.com. The walk is also an opportunity to get to know one another, and to build community amongst ourselves. **EVERYONE is welcome to join us!! And we hope that you will.**



Pax Christi

'Peace is not merely the absence of war; it is humanity's gradual transfiguration according to the mind and heart of Jesus.'

"Blessed are the peacemakers" (Mt 5:9).
"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Mt 5:44).
"Put your sword back into its place" (Mt 26:52).

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, Homily, Mass for Peace, Aug. 6, 2026

Questions or comments -paxchristi@stjosephparish.org



Elwha and Twin Rivers Watershed Guided Field Trip

SAT October 10 NOON-5 *(Olympic Peninsula near Port Angeles)*

Begin at **Madison Falls trailhead** to see some results of removing the Elwha River dams 12 years ago, on to **"Doc Holliday"** near Sadie Creek Campground, then **Striped Peak at Salt Creek County Park**.

Sign up for carpooling *(name, phone number, ride offered/ride needed)* by **TUE Sept. 29** at **climatejust@stjosephparish.org**



Parish Family

1ST FRIDAY MASS

Join us October 2nd!

Friday, 10/2 at 11:30am at St. Joseph followed by lunch

Seniors, Wise Ones, and anyone in need of a blessing, feel free to join us! All are welcome!

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." – James 4:8

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4TH @ ST JOSEPH CHURCH 1PM

MONDAY - OCTOBER 5TH @ ST THERESE CHURCH 3PM

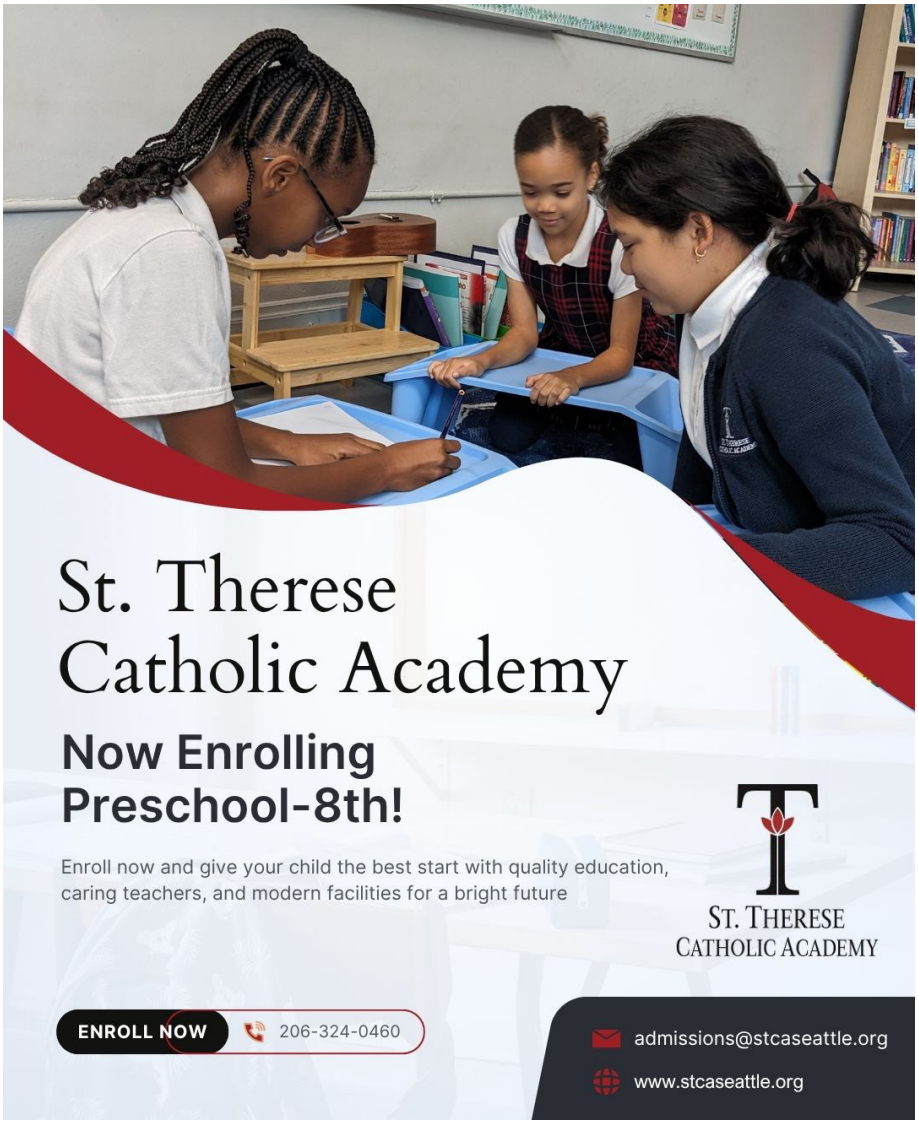
Bring your pets for a blessing for the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi.

All are welcome!



SEEL Book Clubs

SEEL Puget Sound is excited to host three online book groups for seekers to experience the Spiritual Exercises over eight months starting in mid-October. Two groups will be experiencing *The Ignatian Adventure* by Kevin O'Brien SJ with a group meeting on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm and another meeting Tuesday mornings from 11am-12:15pm (both groups start on Oct 13). A third group will read and respond to Dean Brackley SJ's book *The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times*. That group will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm starting Oct 15. There is NO COST to attend these book groups- the only thing needed is to obtain the book (if book cost is a concern we have a few copies to loan). For more information and to register by Oct 11, please email SEEL Puget Sound at info@seelpugetsound.org.



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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS OCTOBER 1

Kindergarten - 8th grade & Early Learning Center, serving students Waddler through Grade 8

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FEAST OF ST. THERESE

OCTOBER 4TH
MASSES AT 9 & 11 AM

St. Mary's and St. Therese History Displays

POTLUCK FOLLOWING BOTH MASSES



Parish Family St. Vincent de Paul Societies

Both St. Joseph and St. Therese are blessed to have St. Vincent de Paul Conferences. Collection are: 1st Sunday of the month at St. Joe's & 3rd Sunday of the month at St. T's

St. Vincent de Paul is our parish family's hands-on ministry of love and service. Through your generosity, we are able to meet our neighbors face-to-face, offering practical help with food, clothing, rent, utilities, and transportation. Every donation goes directly to those in need, making this ministry a tangible expression of our faith in action. Supporters also donate by using the QR. Simply scan the code and be sure to select your conference from the "Please Designate my gift to" drop down menu.

If you are in need of help, please call the helpline at 206-767-6449.

Events Around the Archdiocese

When A Loved One Dies By Suicide Support Group



Tuesdays, October 6—November 24, 2026
6:30pm-8:00pm, Pastoral Outreach Center
907 Columbia St.

For anyone who has experienced suicide loss, this grief support group will encourage you to reflect on how our Catholic faith can facilitate spiritual healing, provide comfort in the midst of ongoing grief, and inspire both hope and service. We will watch the series *When a Loved One Dies By Suicide* together, featuring stories of Catholics whose loved ones have died by suicide and explaining Church teaching on suicide while offering prayers of comfort and support.

You are invited to join this 8-week grief support group facilitated by St. James Cathedral Staff Anisa Ralls and co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle Mental Health Ministry. Preregistration required, space is limited.

Information and registration, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org



Join us for a

Day of Reflection

Marian Retreat

Co-hosted by FILCOPA (Filipino Council of Pastoral Affairs)

October 10 | 9am
St. Thomas Catholic Church
4415 S 140th St, Tukwila

All are invited to attend a day of prayerful reflection with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Attendees will walk with her on a profound journey of obedience, deep trust, and quiet strength.

The event is free to attend. Donations are welcome.

For inquiries regarding this retreat, please contact:
Mia Sazon: 206-850-2075
Jo Ortega: 206-412-0442
Or via email at FILCOPARetreat@gmail.com

Attendance is limited
Please register for this event using the QR code.

Archdiocese of Seattle



Retreat leader:
Sr. Josefina (Josie) Ramac, SP

Full schedule of events

9am	Eucharistic Celebration (Mass)
9:45am	Break
10am	Reflection with Sr. Josie Ramac, SP
10:45am	Break
11am	Reflection with Sr. Josie Ramac, SP
11:45am	Break
12pm	Rosary (Multi-Lingual)
12:30pm	Lunch (provided)

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL™

Regional Community Gatherings

Grounded in prayer, these regional community gatherings will reflect on how the Holy Spirit is guiding the future of the Church in Western Washington. The archdiocesan Partners in the Gospel planning team will review:

- Why the archdiocese embarked on this strategic pastoral planning process
- The overall timeline and process for One Parish Planning
- Progress to date and what's next

The session will then focus on answering your questions. Please be prepared for a prayerful experience as we reflect on this strategic pastoral planning efforts to renew parish life across the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Sessions:

Tuesday, 10/20/2026	St. Charles, Burlington
Thursday, 10/29/2026	St. Joseph, Vancouver
Tuesday, 11/17/2026	St. Olaf, Poulsbo

Archdiocese of Seattle

Register at:

CATHOLIC IMMPACT
CATHOLIC IMMIGRANT PROPHETIC ACTION PROJECT

REGIONAL CONVENING

Witness to Hope: Pastoral Care of Immigrant Communities

Tenth Annual Catholic Immigration Summit

Saturday, October 3, 2026
8:30am - 5pm
Seattle University Campion Ballroom
Registration required

This summit includes morning refreshments, lunch, and parking. During registration you may choose to offset the cost of your attendance through a donation.

Please join us!

New this year - a strategic collaboration with the Catholic Immigrant Prophetic Action Project. Catholic IMMpact is a partnership between the Center for Migration Studies of New York and the Hope Border Institute in El Paso, TX to assist the Catholic Church in the United States in organizing a robust response with and for migrants and refugees in the country who are living in fear of immediate deportation. Through organizing, communications, research and rapid response, Catholic IMMpact supports (arch)dioceses in their mission to preach the Gospel and walk with immigrants.

This day-long gathering will focus on key issues related to the pastoral care of immigrant communities. Discussion topics include the Catholic Church's teachings on immigration, enforcement, and the dignity of the human person; "know your rights" guidance; strategies for accompanying and supporting immigrant families; thoughtful approaches to public events and public witness; effective communications strategies; and the celebration of Mass.

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